

Diary for week commencing Sunday 21st December
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am Said Communion
 10.00am. Sung Communion

**6.00pm. Community Traditional Carol Service
 of Nine Lessons and Carols**

Monday 2.30pm The Funeral Service of the late Michael Butt RIP

Tuesday 11.am The Funeral Service of the late Joan Roach RIP

Wednesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

4.00pm Waiting for Jesus – come along dressed as an angel or shepherd and be part of our giant Nativity Play – Tinsel Crowns and Tea Towels can be provided!

11.30pm Midnight Communion with Carols

Thursday 25th December – Christmas Day

**10.00am Christmas Morning Communion
 with Carols**

Sunday 28th December – The First Sunday after Christmas

10.00am Carol Service with Communion and Healing

Refreshment Rota: Jo Hunt and Joy Kenward

12.15pm Parish Sunday Lunch at the Farm Shop of
 the Woolpack Inn

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 the Communications Table for more details*



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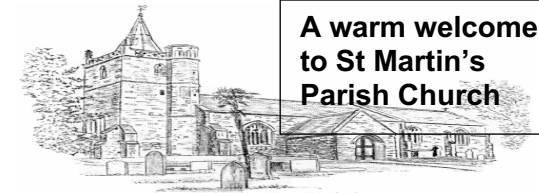
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Sunday 21st December 2025
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am Said Communion

**Readings: Isaiah 7.10-16
 Matthew 1.18-25**

10.00am Sung Communion

This service will be streamed live on Facebook

Readings: Isaiah 7.10-16

Read by: Janice Richardson

Romans 1.1-7

Read by: Paul Martin

Matthew 1.18-25

Hymns: No Wind at the Windows

Advent Candles

The Angel Gabriel

**The Hope that Hides in
 Bethlehem**

Immanuel

**Now from the heavens
 descending**

Refreshment Rota: Ann Butt and Carol Savill

**6.00pm Community Carol Service of Nine
 Lessons and Carols**
Separate order of service

Everyone is Invited  **Everyone is Welcome**
Journeying together in the love of Jesus

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great
salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us - your servants - with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

Please pray for...

Those who are caught up in conflict, war, acts of terrorism, agencies that are
providing food and medical resources to the regions and those seeking peace.
Those who are affected by Climate Change.

For the work of Hope Christian Trust and Weston Foodbank, and for the
communities in Zambia linked to the Diocese and for Sergio

For the work of Weston Hospice, Somewhere to Go and the Children's Society

For the Rt Rev Dame Sarah Mullally as she prepares to become the next
Archbishop of Canterbury and for the Archdeacon of Ludlow, Fiona Gibson, as
she prepares to become the next Bishop of Taunton.

We pray for all that are ill, who mourn and who are concerned about their
futures and those who find the Christmas Season a struggle.

For all those caught up in the tragedy at Bondi Beach and for those who are
suffering from antisemitism

For Ann and Rosanne and their family as they prepare for Michael's funeral

St Martin's Ringing Master - Ray Jones

It is with sadness that the ringers heard that Ray had died unexpectedly on
Wednesday. Since moving back to Weston he has done so much to teach and
encourage our ringers, with patience, humour and care, as well as within the
area branch and across the Diocesan association of Ringers. He was also
involved with Weston Choral.

Please remember Pauline and his wider family in your prayers.

The Parish of Worle: St Martin's response to the death of Aria Thorpe

Following the tragic news of the late Aria Thorpe, a member of this parish, we
join with all members of the community to hold in our prayers all those involved
in this tragic event.

Throughout the Season of Christmas we will be lighting the Easter – Paschal –
Candle, which represents the Light of Christ shining in a darkened world. We
pray that the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love will surround all
those close to Aria and this seemingly impossibly tragic time for them.

There is a Condolence Book in Church to remember Aria if you would like to
sign it and/or leave a message for Aria's mother.

Church Sunday Lunch – 28th December

This will be at the Woolpack farm shop at 12.15pm. If you forgot to sign up by the
deadline, please speak to Yvonne today.

If your plans change over the Christmas period and you are no longer able to
come or would like to, please leave a message on Yvonne's phone. Thank you

Future Dates for your Diary:

Women's Fellowship: Next Meeting will be on **Saturday 19th January at 10am**

Men's Fellowship: Next Meeting will be on **Thursday 15th January at 7.30pm**

More details of both events to follow

House Group in Church are now having a Christmas Break.

They will resume again on Tuesday 6th January for a Social and Blanket Making.
Study groups will resume on 27th January 2026.

Thank you to everyone who gives regularly to St Martin's Church

Blue Envelopes

Your Blue planned giving envelopes are now available at the back of the Church.
Please collect your set before the New Year!

If you would like to join the scheme, a weekly planned offering, then please have a
word with either John Bangham or Diane Swatton.

Readings for the morning service on Sunday 21st December

Isaiah 7.10-16

God sends Isaiah to King Ahaz to tell him to put his trust in God rather than the
human forces of the Assyrians. Ahaz refuses Isaiah's invitation to ask God for a
sign, but Isaiah tells him that God will send a sign which will be for a wider
audience than just the king.

Romans 1.1-7

In these introductory verses of Paul's letter to the persecuted Christian community
in Rome, he tells them of the Messianic prophecies of the scriptures and to Jesus
coming as a descendant of David's family. He invites his readers to rejoice in
being loved and called to be God's people.

Matthew 1.18-25

Joseph, who is engaged to Mary, discovers she is going to have a baby. An angel
appears to Joseph in a dream and tells him not to be afraid, and to take Mary as
his wife, as the child she carries is Immanuel: God with us.

**With Blessings to everyone for
the Christmas Season
and the New Year**

